

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Hensarling OF Texas, OR H is  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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Revised

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1538, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. HENSARLING OF TEXAS**

At the end of title II, add the following new section  
(and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 207. STUDY AND REPORT ON WAITING PERIODS FOR**  
2 **APPOINTMENTS AT DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans  
5 Affairs shall conduct a study on the average length of time  
6 between the desired date for which a veteran seeks to  
7 schedule an appointment for health care at a Department  
8 of Veterans Affairs medical facility and the date on which  
9 such appointment is completed.

10 (b) **FOCUS OF STUDY.**—In conducting the study  
11 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall focus on appoint-  
12 ments scheduled and completed at Department medical fa-  
13 cilities located in both rural and urban areas.

14 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
16 a report to Congress containing the findings of the study  
17 under subsection (a) and recommendations for decreasing  
18 the waiting time between the desired date of an appoint-

1 ment and the completion of the appointment to a max-  
2 imum of 15 days.